(iii) Fear of militancy among staff posted in J & K.

(iv) Difficulty in getting land and building due to Article 370.

(v) Poor response from contractors and suppliers to work in J & K due to militancy.

(vi) Tough climate conditions and insurgency.

(vii) Difficult and inaccessible hilly terrain.

Reduction of monthly rent

1147. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of subscribers of MTNL in Delhi and Mumbai separately during the last three years;

(b) whether Government propose to reduce the monthly rent of telephones of MTNL in order to increase the number of subscribers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Number of working connections in MTNL during the last three years, including landline, WLL, GSM are as under:—

As on	Delhi	Mumbai
31-03-2003	2327276	2654721
31-03-2004	2172744	2661742
31-03-2005	2256800	2896683

(b) to (d) Sir, MTNL has been revising its tariff including rental from time to time for remaining competitive as well as keeping in view the market conditions.

Availability of SIM cards in Tamil Nadu

1148. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: